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1. NOMINATION OF MR. DANIEL YOHANNES TO REPLACE YIGEZU DESTA IN FY-76 CULTURAL GROUP IS APPROVED. GRANTS BEING PROCESSED.

2. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS MAY 23, AS U.S. ARRIVAL DATE AND MAY 24 FOR GROUP AAI PROGRAM DISCUSSION SESSION. APPRECIATE POST'S RESPONSE ASAP, INCLUDING FLIGHT DATA IF AGREEABLE OR ALTERNATE SUGGESTIONS. FYI: (PROGRAM AGENCIES ANTICIPATE BUSY APPOINTMENT CALENDARS DURING REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR, THEREFORE, GROUP TRAVEL ON PROPOSED DATES WOULD BE IDEAL).

3. CU/AF APPRECIATES POST'S COMMENTS ON THE APPARENT LACK OF NEED FOR AN ESCORT. HOWEVER, CONSIDERING DEPARTMENT'S POLICY OF GENERALLY ASSIGNING ESCORTS TO FACILITATE GROUP TRAVEL, AND THE GRANTEE'S LACK OF EXPOSURE TO THE U.S., ESCORT WILL BE ASSIGNED UNLESS POST OBJECTS. KISSINGER

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